

## Elimination of CCard Funding/Statute

The CT State Library and all public libraries in the state have worked since 1972 to provide access to all libraries' collections to every card holder in the State. Obviously, not every library has the funding to purchase every item, so it is a considerable cost benefit to everyone to be able to borrow from libraries other than one's own. If everyone is strictly limited to using only their own library, commuters who may now use the library where they work, college students who may now use the library near their school, anyone shopping in a different town who may now use the library near the store, will all be severely limited in their access to information, job searches, and even recreational reading. Unfortunately, all libraries are not created equal and some have extremely limited open hours. If residents of a small town who work all the hours their own library is open, they will be essentially denied access to what may be necessary information to apply for school, improve their health, obtain job resources, work on their taxes, almost everything their life in CT entails, if CCard is defunded and the statute removed. CCard is an essential service.

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